

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 22, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1354

Introduced by Assembly Member Berg

February 21, 2003

~~An act relating to fish.~~ *An act to add Article 12 (commencing with Section 8125) to Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 6 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish, and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1354, as amended, Berg. Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction Account.

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing a comprehensive program to allow California groundfish fishermen to participate in any federally established buy-back program for the Pacific groundfish fishery.

This bill would ~~state the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent amendments, to establish~~ *establish* the Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, and ~~to~~ *would* authorize the Fish and Game Commission to establish a capacity reduction fee on the taking of certain species of fish and shellfish to be used to repay loans ~~of~~ *made to* California fishermen ~~from~~ *by* the federal government under the buy-back program.

Existing law continuously appropriates money in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the commission to pay all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the Fish and Game Code, and to pay the compensation and expenses of the commissioners and employees of the

By creating new authority for the commission, and potentially increasing revenues deposited in the fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

Article 12. Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction Program

23 8126. *The commission may establish a capacity reduction fee*
24 *on the taking of certain species of fish and shellfish, consistent with*
25 *the West Coast Groundfish Fishery Capacity Reduction Program.*
26 *In establishing the fee, the commission may also consider the*
27 *administrative cost associated with collecting these fees.*